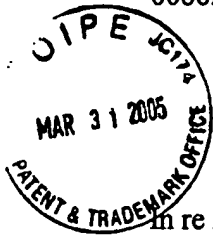


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Introductory Comments

Applicant is in receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) Due dated January 7, 2005. The Issue Fee is due to be paid April 7, 2005. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to consider and enter the following amendments to the above-identified application.